

COLUMBIA NEWS.

OUR FRIENDS CORRESPONDENCE:
Events Along the Susquehanna—Items of
Interest in and Around the Borough
Picked up by the Intelligence Reporter.

Oxon Lodge, No. 870, I. O. of O. F., will hold a meeting this evening.

Miss Minnie Hershey is lying seriously ill at her home on South 2d street.

This evening the Columbia fire company will have a meeting to decide upon the date of holding its fair.

District Deputy High Priest A. J. Kaufman last night installed the new officers of the Corinthian Royal Arch chapter, No. 22, A. F. and A. M.

"Old Dan" is dead. He was one of the most noted hunting dogs of this section, and once belonged to Mr. Joseph Black. He was owned by Isaac Snyder, Jr., at the time of his death.

The ladies who will assist the Columbia band at its approaching fair are requested to meet at the Franklin house parlor, on Friday evening at 8 o'clock, to make arrangements for the fair.

The revivals going on here are but poorly attended. Little interest seems to attend them. The Sunday services in the Bethel Church of God yesterday afternoon were well attended despite the bad weather. Rev. Jackson's sermon was a fine one.

The worst walking of the season was that of last night. The pavements were cracked, with ice and pedestrians were obliged to take to the streets. There the slush splashed up to the knees. Very few people appeared on the streets, and those did so on account of business matters.

A woman's serious fate.

John Haines, employed at Stoner's quarry, fell a distance of thirty feet while at work on Monday, breaking his shoulder blade. He was taken by a crowbar which extended from a crevice of the rock. He is a resident of Columbia.

In Police Chases.

Officer Wittie is laid up in his house on account of injuries received on the head while endeavoring to cage Frank Wittie on Monday night.

John Shantz and Charles Loring were taken into court this morning to await their trial at court on the charge of larceny, having stolen meat from Albert Charl's butcher shop yesterday.

Meetings.

A meeting of the school board will be held to-morrow evening, and a meeting of the borough council on Friday evening. The school board will elect a teacher for Cheyney school No. 5. There are four applicants for the position—Miss Maggie Purple, Miss Holden, Miss M. E. and Calie White.

Local Events.

Organ recital on the steamer for the New Year. Yesterday and today most of the national banks of the county have held election for directors for the new year, in the main the old banks being reelected. The following election by stockholders met to elect a president.

Meeting of the stockholders of the Commercial bank yesterday the following directors were elected: Joseph C. Walker (president), J. C. Eby, Clinton Himes, James P. Campbell, S. Kennedy, Jacob H. Miller and Enfield Walker. The last named was elected in place of John C. Walker, who had been elected to be a director on account of a national bank.

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Brilliant Marriage Reception.

A brilliant reception was held at the residence of Mr. R. Malone, on West King street, on Saturday evening, in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Fred G. Oberholser, recently returned from their wedding tour. During the hours of the reception, from 8 until 10:30 o'clock, the spacious parlor was crowded with a handsomely dressed throng, who as the occasion permitted paid their respects to the bride and groom. The latter were seated under a handsome floral bell surmounted by a dorsal bowed arrow of exquisite design. An elegant supper followed the reception, after which the younger portion of the company danced into the early morning hours.

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THE DUTY ON TOBACCO.

A Delegation Urging Secretary Folger to Re-consider a Recent Decision.

Representative A. Herr Smith, of Lancaster County; Senators Hawley and Platt of Connecticut, and ex-Representative Shulanderberg headed a delegation of tobacco growers from Connecticut and New York, who visited the secretary of the treasury at Washington, D. C., Tues day to urge a reconsideration of a recent ruling on the importation of Sumatra tobacco. According to the statutes Sumatra leaf tobacco, of which eighty-five percent is of the requisite size and of the necessary fineness of texture to be suitable for wrappers and of which more than one hundred leaves are required to weigh a pound, must pay if not stemmed seventy cents per pound, and if stemmed one dollar per pound. A half of tobacco had been imported from Amsterdam containing twenty per cent of Havana filler and eighty per cent of Sumatra tobacco, and the collector of New York held the same as subject to a duty of three dollars, which provides that if two or more rates of duty shall be applicable to any imported article it shall be classified for duty under the highest rate, the bale should be considered Sumatra tobacco and treated accordingly. This decision was reversed by Secretary Folger, who favored the payment of the duty on the common grade of tobacco, thirty-five cents per pound. It was to secure a revocation of this ruling that the delegation called upon the secretary.

Mr. Smith, who led off, presented a dispatch from the agriculturalists of Lancaster county, stating that the annual value of the seed leaf tobacco crop of that country was \$1,500,000, and that \$1,000,000 of the dollar and the buildings and machinery used were worth a million more. He contended that the construction given the law would completely destroy this industry in Pennsylvania, as a pound of the imported article was equal to four of the domestic. Besides, the tobacco which had raised the question was not packed with the filler on the Island of Sumatra, but the bale had been opened at Amsterdam and the genuine article had been reduced by the introduction of trash. There was no doubt that the bale contained the Sumatra tobacco prescribed in the statute before the manipulation took place, and the collector at New York might legally have declared the whole invoice forfeited, instead of merely compelling a payment of the full duty.

The purpose of the merchants to whom it was given to pay the duty on the Havana filler, but to reduce the duty on the Sumatra tobacco by adulteration.

Addressess in the same vein were made by several other members of the delegation, to which Secretary Folger gave careful attention, and when the party withdrew they were assured that that subject would be properly considered.

OFFICES INSTALLED.

Last evening the following officers of Washington Camp No. 27, P. O. S. A., were installed by Deputy State President Wolpert:

President—D. E. Stauffer.

Vice-President—Wm. Haase.

Sec. Secretary—G. A. Kautz.

Assist. Sec. —Samuel S. Reynolds.

Financial Secretary—E. N. Winow.

Treasurer—John Blash, Jr.

Comptroller—Fred Sutars.

Joint Guard—Wm. B. Helme.

Outer Guard—Jonas Heiland.

Trustee—John Eckman.

Secretary—John Miller, Joshua Ginter, Chapman, & R. Hill.

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